

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGE LEVEL INFORMATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government envisage a plan for establishment of village level Information Centre (Samadhan Centres) to be executed by NGOs;
- (b) if so, the details of the Schemes;
- (c) whether Government propose to set up more such centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the number of requests received by the Government from NGOs and States for such centres;
- (e) the number of such centres established so far State-wise; and
- (f) the time by which the remaining requests are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have funded one project on an experimental basis and entrusted to Centre for Ecology and Rural Development (CERD) which is a NGO in Pondicherry. This project is being implemented in Tamil Nadu and the relevant details are at Annexure.

(c), (d), (e) and (f): Requests for setting up such Centres have been received from States of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Manipur. However, work at new centres will only be taken up after evaluation of the project being implemented in Tamil Nadu.